THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUBHAS MAHARIA): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY) is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme and is being implemented in all the States. Sate-wise allocation, releases made and targets set under the IAY for the first four year of the Ninth Five Year Plan and annexed [*See Appendix 192, Annexure No.*18] The allocation and target for the year 2001-2002 under the IAY is dependent on the quantum of budgetary support provided under the Scheme.

Sanction of watershed projects under DPAP and DDP

2839. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh has urged the Union Government to sanction 1000 watershed projects under DPAP and DDP;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh has also requested the Union Government to sanction Rs. 100 crores under Swaranjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY) for women's self help group;

(d) whether the Union Government has agreed to sanction the watersheds and also the above amount; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Government of Andhra Pradesh have requested for sanction of 1000 more watershed projects under the watershed development programme of this Ministry. However, keeping in view the committed liability of on-going watershed projects in the country and the availability of funds under the Programmes, it may be not be feasible to sanction additional watershed projects to the State at this stage.

(c) to (e) The Government of Andhra Pradesh have also requested for sanction of an additional Rs. 100 crores under Swaranjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY) for women's self help groups. The funds under the SGSY are allocated to the States/UTs on the basis of criteria evolved in consultation with the Planning Commission. Moreover, the funds under the programme are not available to meet the additional requirements as projected by the State Government. Accordingly, the proposal for additional funds has not been agreed to.

Posts of Hindi Translators / Officers / Assistants

2840. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of posts of Hindi Translators / Hindi Officers / Assistants created in the Ministry and allied PSUs / Attached and Subordinate Offices for propagation of Hindi as official language and encouragement of Hindi Correspondences;

(b) the number of such posts lying vacant and since when; and

(c) the reasons therefor and the steps taken to fill-up such posts urgently?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU): (a) The number of posts of Hindi Translator / Hindi Officer / Assistant created in the Ministry of Rural Development for propagation of Hindi as official language and encouragement of Hindi correspondences are as under—

1. Deputy Director (Official Language)	— 1
2. Assistant Director (Official Language)	— 4
3. Senior Hindi Translator	— 2
4. Junior Hindi Translator	— 8

(b) and (c) At present four posts of Junior Hindi Translator are lying vacant. Out of these, two posts are lying vacant since June, 1999 and other two posts since June, 2000. All the posts created in the Ministry of Rural Development for propagation of Hindi as